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Conclusion

The invention of Group I containing independent claims 19, 25, and 37 and species (e) is provisionally elected. Claim 36 is cancelled, previously pending claims 1, 27 are amended, and new claims 37 is added. Claim 37 is are supported by prior claims 27, and no new matter is added. Claims 37, 27-36, directed to the apparatus invention of the provisionally elected Group 1 and species (e) of Figure 9A, are means-plus-function claims intended to be interpreted under 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 6. Since the same number of claims are added and cancelled, it is believes that no additional fee is required, however, please charge any additional fee required or refund any excess fee paid to Deposit Account 19-0743.

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